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BRISTOL, January 4, 1793.

At a very NUMEROUS AND MOST RESPECTABLE MEETING held this Day, in the

One Hundred and Fourth Year of British Liberty,

At the BUSH-TAVERN, of the *INN-KEEPERS, VINTNERS*, and *VICTUALLERS*, of this City,

Mr. JOHN WEEKS in the CHAIR;

RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY:

THAT in order to ſhew our LOYALTY to the KING, and our ATTACHMENT to our preſent Excellent CONSTITUTION, WE will ſuffer no Perſon or Perſons to hold any Society in our reſpective Houſes, or make Uſe of any Language that tends to ſubvert the Government of this Kingdom, without giving immediate Notice to our worthy Mayor and Magiſtrates of this City.

THAT happy under the preſent Government, we firmly engage to ſupport the ROYAL HOUSE of BRUNSWICK on the THRONE of *GREAT-BRITAIN.*

THAT we will preſerve the Peace, defend the Laws, and ſupport the Magiſtrates in the Exerciſe of their Office, in caſe of any Riot or ſeditious Tumult whatever.

THAT we will to the utmoſt of our Power ſuppreſs any inflammatory Writing that the factious Revolutioniſts may dare to iſſue, and uſe every Endeavour to bring the Authors to Juſtice.

THAT for the more effectual preſerving Order and Tranquillity, we mutually agree to diſcloſe and make known any treaſonable or ſeditious Expreſſions which may come to our Knowledge, in order that the guilty Perſons may receive due Puniſhment. And we earneſtly requeſt Men in all Ranks to unite with us, for the Purpoſe of preſerving our preſent ineſtimable Conſtitution, which has been the Glory of this Country, the Envy of other Nations, and is at this Time, under Providence, the Cauſe of our Happineſs, Wealth and Proſperity.

THAT it is the Duty of all good and loyal Subjects, to preſerve Fidelity to the King and the ſacred Conſtitution of this Country as eſtabliſhed by the GLORIOUS REVOLUTION, and to maintain and ſupport the Peace, Property, and perſonal Security of every good Subject under its Protection.

THAT we hereby declare our unfeigned Admiration of the Laws of this Country, fully convinced that none can be more wiſely framed or better calculated for the Protection of LIBERTY and PROPERTY, or for the impartial Adminiſtration of Juſtice.

THAT to ſupport the Conſtitution, and thoſe public Men who make the Preſervation of it their predominant Principle of Action, is the Object to which the preſent Meeting will direct their Attention.

THAT to watch the inſidious Deſigns of thoſe lurking Enemies, who by every dark Manoeuvre, are endeavouring to ſap the Foundations of our GLORIOUS CONSTITUTION, and to expoſe them to the public Eye, is a Duty over which we will neither ſleep nor ſlumber.

THAT the Thanks of this Nation are due to his Majeſty's Miniſters, for having adviſed, and in their reſpective Departments carried into Execution with Effect, the wiſe and firm Meaſures lately adopted.

THAT the Thanks of this Meeting be given to the Mayor and Magiſtrates, for re-printing the King's Proclamation, and determining to uſe every Endeavour in their Power to ſupport the ſame.

THAT the Thanks of this Meeting be given to the Mayor, for his ſpirited and loyal Conduct in convening the Inhabitants of this City together on the 13th Day of December laſt, for the Purpoſe of declaring our Attachment to our preſent Government.

THAT the Thanks of this Meeting be given to the Chairman, for his manly and conſtitutional Conduct in bringing forward and conducting this Buſineſs.

THAT the above Reſolutions be printed in all the Provincial Papers —The Star—The Oracle—The Sun—The World—and the Morning Chronicle.

JOHN WEEKS, *Chairman.*

The following Opinions from the Commentaries of the learned Mr. Juſtice Blackſtone, are publiſhed for the Information of the Ignorant, and as a Caution to the Unwary:

" If a Party apprized of any Treaſon, does not as ſoon as conveniently " may be, reveal it to ſome Judge of Aſſize, or Juſtice of the Peace, " he is guilty of Miſpriſion of Treaſon, which is puniſhable by the " Loſs of Profits of Land during Life, Forfeiture of Goods, and Im- " priſonment during Life.

" But if there be any probable Circumſtances of Aſſent, as if one " goes to a treaſonable Meeting, knowing before hand that a Conſpi- " racy is intended againſt the King, or being in ſuch Company once " by Accident, and having heard ſuch treaſonable Conſpiracy, meets " the ſame Company again and hears more of it, but conceals it,....This " is an implied Aſſent in Law, and makes the Concealer guilty of *High* " *Treaſon.*

" Contempts and Miſpriſions againſt the King's Perſon and Govern- " ment, may be by ſpeaking or writing againſt him, curſing or wiſhing " him Ill, giving out ſcandalous Stories againſt him, or doing any " Thing that may tend to leſſen him in the Eſteem of his Subjects, may " weaken his Government, or may raiſe Jealouſies between him and " his People."

It has alſo been held an Offence of this Species to drink to the pious Memory of a Traitor. Theſe being Acts which encourage Rebellion.

FOR THESE SPECIES OF CONTEMPT,

" A Man may not only be fined and impriſoned, but ſuffer the Pil- " lory, or other infamous corporal Puniſhment."

Book IVth,—Chap. IX.

☞ The above *RESOLUTIONS* were ſigned by SIX HUNDRED and EIGHTY, *INN-KEEPERS, VINTNERS, VICTUALLERS*, and *WINE-MERCHANTS.*